

Senate File 2256 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2079)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the noise limit applicable to motor vehicle
2 mufflers and making a penalty applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.436, Code 2011, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.436 Mufflers, prevention of noise.**

4 1. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with
5 a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to
6 prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke, and no
7 person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or similar device
8 upon a motor vehicle on a highway.

9 2. A motor vehicle shall not be operated on a highway with
10 a muffler that emits a noise exceeding ninety-five decibels as
11 measured by the society of automotive engineers standard J1169,
12 May 1998. The department of transportation shall adopt rules
13 prescribing the appropriate equipment to be used for roadside
14 testing of muffler noise.

15 3. This section shall be implemented uniformly throughout
16 the state and shall preempt any county or municipal ordinance
17 regulating mufflers on motor vehicles.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill establishes a noise limit for motor vehicle
20 mufflers of 95 decibels as measured by society of automotive
21 engineers standard J1169, May 1998. The standard incorporates
22 noise measurement procedures established by the international
23 organization for standardization. The department of
24 transportation is required to adopt rules prescribing
25 appropriate equipment to be used for roadside testing of motor
26 vehicle muffler noise.

27 Pursuant to current law, a violation of motor vehicle
28 muffler requirements is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a
29 scheduled fine of \$20.